

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Confirmation No.: 2704

Yutaka TAKEUCHI et al.

Group Art Unit: 1793

Application No.: 10/559,531

Examiner: Weiping ZHU

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For: NITRIDING METHOD AND DEVICE

REQUEST FOR INTERVIEW

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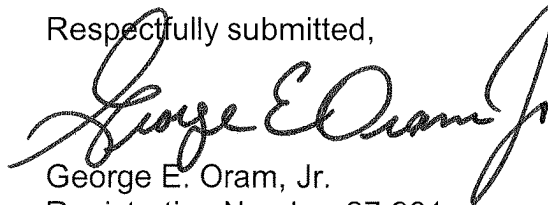
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Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the undersigned attorney be granted an interview with the Examiner in order to expedite the disposition of the above-identified application. After reviewing the concurrently filed Response, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned to discuss the application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency or credit any overpayment with respect to this communication to Counsel's Deposit Account Number 01-2300, referencing Attorney Docket Number 025416-00024.

Respectfully submitted,



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